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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MONETARY TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN WIRED AND WIRELESS DEVICES

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-6,8,9,12-16,18,19,22-26,28,29,32-36,38,39 and 41-46.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Mary Cheung/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3694

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Bennin on July 2, 2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend paragraph 0027 of the Specification as follows:

If the submitted password is correct, the payment processing system 500, in cooperation with the user profile database 560, the controller 510 and the memory 530 verifies the account status, device identification and/or user information. If the transaction is unauthorized, for example, if there are insufficient funds, if the account has been disabled, if previous fraudulent activity [[or]] of a user [[have]] **has** been detected, or the like, a message can be forwarded to the user to that affect. If the transaction is authorized, the payment processing system 500, in cooperation with the user profile database 560, determines if a payee profile is available. If a payee profile is not available, the profile determination device 540 can determine or request a payee profile. For example, the payment processing system 500, in cooperation with the profile determination device 540, the controller 510, the I/O interface 520 and the memory 530,

can prompt the credited device 400 for profile information, which can, for example, be stored in the memory 430. The information received from the credited device 400 is then stored in the user profile database 560. Alternatively, the profile determination device 540 can determine a profile for the credited device 400, based on, for example, a look-up technique, identification information, e.g., a presence, another profile database, or the like.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the payment processing system includes a profile determination device that determines the profile associated with the user and the profile associated with the payee.
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) The system of claim 2, where the profile determination device determines the profile associated with the payee based on at least one of a look-up technique, identification information, or a profile database.

5. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the payment processing system includes a transaction database that records information about the transfer of the funds.

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the wireless device includes at least one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cellular telephone, a wireless pager, a PC tablet, a television, a personal computer, a wireless e-mail device, a wireless telephone, an appliance, a refrigerator, a washing machine, or a distributed network access device.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the profile associated with the user further comprises user information, and where the user information comprises at least one of personal information about the user including a name, an age, an address, a city, a state, a phone, a fax, an e-mail address or a wireless phone number.

9. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the payment processing system includes a security device that monitors passwords, encrypts information, or monitors user information.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising determining a payee profile.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, where the profile associated with the user comprises at least one of financial information, device information, security information, historical information, transaction information, or authorized recipient information.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, where the payee profile is based on the information relating to the second account associated with the payee.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising recording information about the transfer of funds.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, where the wireless device includes at least one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cellular telephone, a wireless pager, a PC tablet, a television, a personal computer, a wireless e-mail device,

a wireless telephone, an appliance, a refrigerator, a washing machine, or a distributed network access device.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, where the profile associated with the user comprises at least one of personal information about the user including a name, an age, an address, a city, a state, a phone, a fax, an e-mail address, or a wireless phone number.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising at least one of monitoring passwords, encrypting information, or monitoring user information.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further-comprising one or more instruction for determining the profile associated with the user and a payee profile.

23. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, where the profile associated with the user comprises at least one of financial information, device information, security information, historical information, transaction information, or authorized recipient information.

24. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, where the payee profile is based on the information relating to the second account associated with the payee.

25. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further comprising one or more instructions for recording information about the transfer of the funds.

26. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 44, where the wireless device includes at least one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cellular telephone, a wireless pager, a PC tablet, a television, a personal computer, a wireless e-mail device, a wireless telephone, an appliance, a refrigerator, a washing machine, or a distributed network access device.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 44, where the transaction information comprises at least one of personal information about the user including a name, an age, an address, a city, a state, a phone, a fax, an e-mail address, or a wireless phone number.

29. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 44, further-comprising one or more instructions for at least one of monitoring passwords, encrypting information, or monitoring user information.

30. (canceled)

31. (canceled)

32. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, further comprising a profile determination device that determines the profile of the payer and a payee profile.

33. (previously presented) The network device of claim 32, where the profile of the payer comprises at least one of financial information, device information, security information, historical information, transaction information, or authorized recipient information.

34. (previously presented) The network device of claim 32, where the profile determination device determines the payee profile based on the information relating to the second account associated with the payee.

35. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, further comprising a transaction database that records information about the transfer of the funds.

36. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, where the device includes at least one of a household appliance, a television, a vending machine, a refrigerator, a washing machine, a heater, an air conditioner, or a refrigerator.

37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, where the monetary transaction information that comprises at least one of personal information about the payer including a name, an age, an address, a city, a state, a phone, a fax, an e-mail address, or a wireless phone number.

39. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, further comprising a security device that at least one of monitors passwords, encrypts information, or monitors payer information.

40. (canceled)

41. (previously presented) The network device of claim 45, where the device identification information comprises one or more of a serial number, an electronic number identifier, or the IP address associated with the device.

42. (currently amended) A monetary transaction system comprising:

a payment processing system to:

associate a profile with a user, the profile including security information, historical information, and at least one of financial information, device information, transaction information, or authorized recipient information,

receive, from a wireless device associated with the, a request for a monetary transaction,

identify, in response to receiving the request for the monetary transaction, the profile associated with the user,

receive, from the wireless device, information identifying a payee and information identifying an amount, of the monetary transaction,

verify identification information of the wireless device based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address associated with the wireless device and one or more IP addresses, of one or more devices associated with the user, included in the identified profile,

determine, in response to receiving the information identifying the amount, whether sufficient funds exist in a first account associated with the user, whether the first account has been disabled, and whether a previous fraudulent activity ~~[[or]]~~ of a user has been detected,

determine, in response to receiving the information identifying the payee, whether a profile associated with the payee exists, the profile associated with the payee including information identifying a second account associated with the payee,

request the profile associated with the payee when the profile associated with the payee does not exist,

transfer funds between the first account and the second account, based on the information identifying the amount, and based on determining whether sufficient funds exist in ~~[[a]]~~ the first account associated with the user, whether the first account has been disabled, and whether a previous fraudulent activity ~~[[or]]~~ of a user has been detected, and

send, in response to transferring the funds, a notification of the transfer of the funds to the wireless device, the notification including an itemization of goods or services associated with the transfer.

43. (previously presented) A method for performing a monetary transaction, the method comprising:

identifying, by a server device, a profile associated with a user, in response to receiving a request for a monetary transaction from a wireless device associated with the user;

receiving, at the server device and from the wireless device, in response to identifying the profile associated with the user, payee identification information, and amount information, associated with the monetary transaction;

verifying, by the server device, identification information associated with the wireless device based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address associated with the wireless device and at least one IP address, of one or more devices associated with the user, included in the identified profile;

identifying, by the server device, a first account associated with the user based on the identified profile;

determining, by the server device and based on the identified first account, whether a previous fraudulent activity has been detected for the identified first account, and at least one of whether the identified first account has been disabled, or whether sufficient funds exist in the identified first account;

prompting, by the server device, a payee device associated with the payee, for information relating to a second account associated with the payee, based on the payee identification information; and

transferring, by the server device, funds between the identified first account and the second account, based on the amount information, the verified identification information associated with the wireless device, and the determining.

44. (currently amended) A tangible computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling at least one processor to perform a method for conducting a monetary transaction, the tangible computer-readable medium comprising:

one or more instructions for receiving transaction information from a wireless device associated with a user, where the transaction information includes payee identification information, a profile associated with the user, and amount information;

one or more instructions for verifying information identifying the wireless device, based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address of the wireless device and at least one IP address, of at least one device associated with the user, included in the profile,

one or more instructions for identifying a first account associated with the user based on the transaction information;

one or more instructions for determining whether sufficient funds exist in the identified first account, whether the identified first account has been disabled, and whether a previous fraudulent activity [[or]] of a user has been detected for the first account,

one or more instructions for prompting a payee device associated with the payee, for information relating to a second account associated with the payee, based on the transaction information; and

one or more instructions for transferring funds between the first account and the second account, based on the transaction information, the verified information identifying the wireless device, and the determining.

45. (currently amended) A network device comprising:

a first component to receive monetary transaction information from a device associated with a payer, the monetary transaction information including at least payee identification information, user information, device identification information associated with the device, and amount information;

a second component to verify the device identification information, based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address associated with the device and one or more IP addresses, of one or more devices associated with a payer, included in a profile of the payer,

where the profile is identified based on the received monetary transaction information;

a third component to identify a first account associated with the payer and a second account associated with a payee, based on the received monetary transaction information;

a fourth component to determine whether sufficient funds exist in the identified first account, and at least one of whether the identified first account has been disabled, or whether a previous fraudulent activity [[or]] of a user has been detected for the first account;

a fifth component to transfer funds between the first account and the second account, based on the amount information and the fourth component; and

a sixth component to notify a wireless device associated with the payer of the transfer of funds, the notification including an itemization of goods or services associated with the transfer.

46. (previously presented) The system of claim 42, where the security information includes fraud related information associated with the first account and password information, and where the historical information includes historical transaction information, historical spending information, and historical purchase information.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

4. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-16, 18-19, 22-26, 28-29, 32-36, 38-39 and 41-46 are pending and allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of Sacks (US 2002/0016765 A1) teaches handling a payment between a buyer/payor to a seller/payee at a third-party site. The buyer is redirected from the seller to the third-party payment processor to process payment for an electronic transaction. Details of the transaction may be received with the buyer's connection. The buyer may be electrically disconnected from the seller to prevent financial or private data from being passed to the seller. The third-party payment processor establishes an account for the buyer if the buyer does not have an account. The buyer's account may be funded by a credit card, debit card or bank account, and may be identified with an electronic mail address. The third-party payment processor transfers payment from the buyer to the seller. The buyer may be redirected to the seller after completion or cancellation of the payments.

In regarding to independent claims 42-45, Sacks taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious verifying identification information of the wireless device based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address associated with the wireless device and one or more IP addresses, of one or more devices associated with the user, included in the identified profile.

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Inquire

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